

Notice to Users:

The in-house National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) Sample Adult data file does **not** contain actual North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) or Standard Occupation Classification (SOC) codes; instead, 4-digit codes based on the NAICS and SOC codes are received from the U.S. Census Bureau. Data users can gain access to these codes through the National Center for Health Statistics Research Data Center. The public use Sample Adult data file contains two 2-digit recodes created from the in-house Census codes. OCCUPN1, the “detailed” occupation recode, has 94 categories; OCCUPN2, the “simple” occupation recode, has 23 categories. Similarly, INDSTRN1, the “detailed” industry recode, has 79 categories; INDSTRN2, the “simple” industry recode, has 21 categories.

Users should consult the Occupation and Industry Appendices at the end of the Sample Adult variable layout file for the response categories and labels of OCCUPN1, OCCUPN2, INDSTRN1, and INDSTRN2. Links to the complete lists of NAICS Industry Sectors and Subsectors and the SOC Major Groups are listed below this Readme file, and provide the classification framework for the NHIS public use recodes. These lists should be considered supplemental information only, for the purpose of providing information on the source of the categories used in creating the recodes. These lists should not be used in place of the Occupation and Industry Appendices.